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Re:

Application of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., to Provide In-Region InterLATA Services Pursuant to Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996

Docket No. 2001-209-C

Dear Mr. Walsh:

United Telephone Company of the Carolinas and Sprint Communications Company L. P. (collectively, Sprint) are in receipt of a copy of the Motion to Reconsider Scheduling Decision filed in this matter on June 7, 2001, by NewSouth Communications and the South Carolina Cable Television Association (collectively, NewSouth). Sprint agrees with NewSouth that reconsideration of the scheduling of the hearing in this matter is entirely justified for the reasons set forth in NewSouth's Motion and advanced in Sprint's Petition for Order Soliciting Comments on Proposed Hearing Schedule filed with the Commission on May 21, 2001.

This proceeding is of great importance to the people of South Carolina and to the companies involved. The issues are complex, the filings are voluminous, and the Commission will to some extent be acting in reliance on the results of testing being performed, but not yet completed and reported upon, in other states. As presently scheduled, there will not be sufficient time for discovery and adequate presentation of a case of such importance. Merely reviewing the materials filed thus far is virtually impossible in the time available. Simple due process requires more time and the adoption of a more considered pace.

Chief among the issues Sprint believes to be of importance in establishing a procedural and hearing schedule are the critical market entry issues which remain under consideration by the Commission at this time (unbundled network element pricing, for example), the unresolved status of testing of BellSouth's Operational Support Systems, and the additional questions set out in Sprint's earlier Petition for Order Soliciting Comments on Proposed Hearing Schedule. Sprint will not belabor the point by

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restating those issues at length in this filing or by expanding upon them as it would have done had the Commission issued an order soliciting comments as Sprint requested. Sprint does, however, wish to go on record as supporting NewSouth's Motion.

Should you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance whatsoever in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely Yours,

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cc: Jack H. Derrick, Esquire (via U.S. Mail) All Parties of Record (via U.S. Mail)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned employee of Elliott & Elliott, P.A. does hereby certify that (s)he has served below listed parties with a copy of the pleading(s) indicated below by mailing a copy of same to them in the United States mail, by regular mail, with sufficient postage affixed thereto and return address clearly marked on the date indicated below:

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This 11th day of June, 2001.

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